Acknowledgments

Sideboys
1
2
3
4
5

Honor Boatswain
BMC(SW) Name

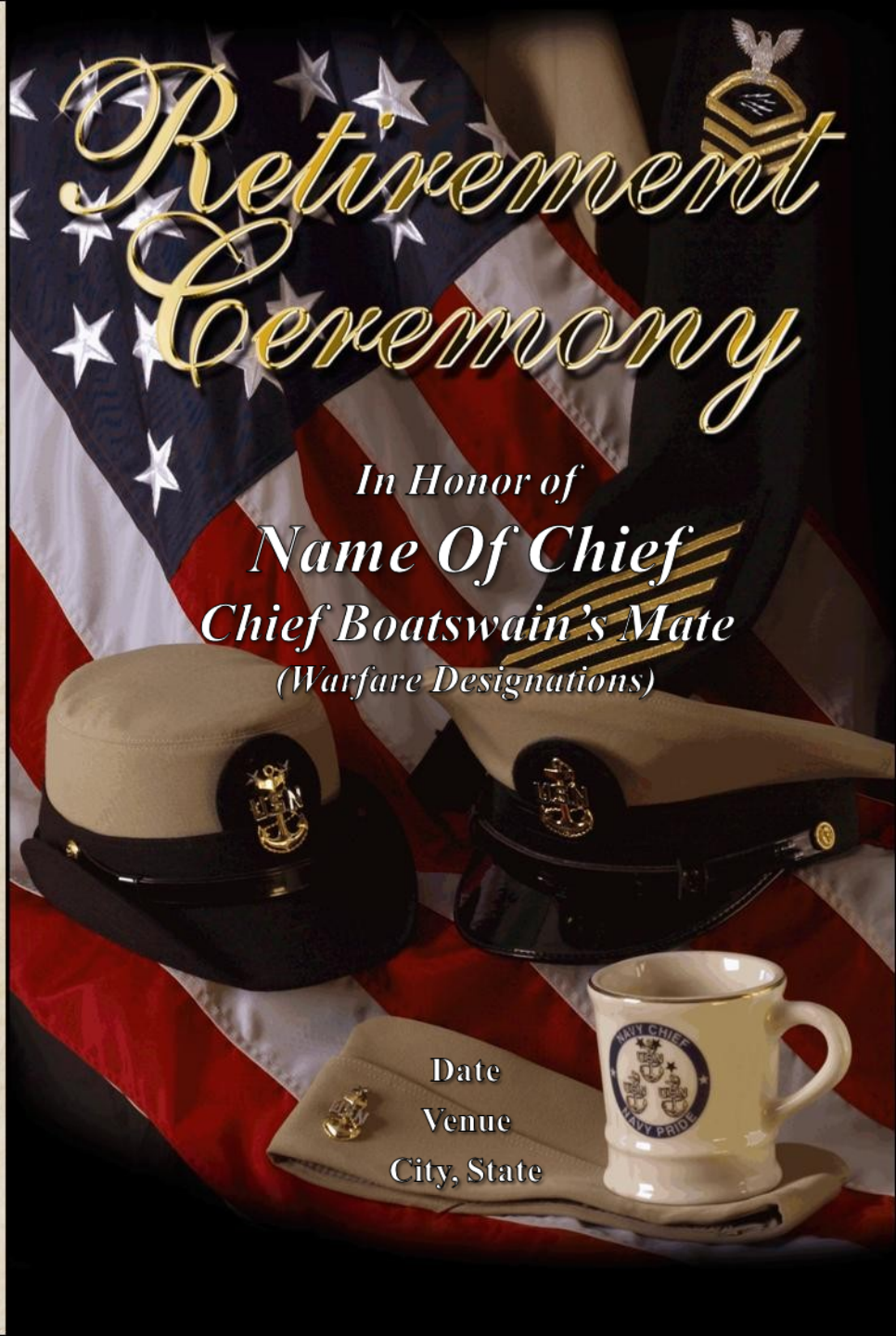
Bell Ringer
Bell Ringer Name

Ushers
1
2

Color Guard
Command Name Honor Guard

Old Glory Flag Detail
1
2
3
4
5
6
7

ETC…



Ceremony Of Retirement

Arrival of the Official Party

Parade the Colors/National Anthem/Post the Colors

Invocation

CDR Flex Plexico

Master of Ceremonies and Welcoming Remarks

CDR Steven J. Skretkowicz

Guest Speaker

CAPT James Pendley

Awards and Presentations

Retiree's Remarks

Presentation of the Shadow Box

ETCM(SS) Paul Otto

Old Glory Flag Ceremony

CPO Retirement Creed

FORCM (SW/AW) Chris Penton

The Watch

ETCM(SS) Paul Otto

Benediction

CDR Flex Plexico

Old Glory

I am the flag of the United States of America. My name is... "Old Glory."

I fly atop the world's tallest buildings, I stand watch in America's halls of justice. I fly majestically over great institutions of learning, I stand guard with the greatest military power in the world.

Look up and see me! I stand for Peace, Honor, Truth, and Justice. I stand for freedom. I am confident, I am arrogant, I am proud. When I am flown with my fellow banners, my head is a little higher, my colors a little truer. I bow to no one!

I am recognized all over the world. I am worshipped, I am saluted, I am respected, I am revered, I am loved-- and I am feared!

For more than 200 years, I have fought in every battle of every war; Gettysburg, Shiloh, Appomattox, San Juan Hill, the Trenches of France, the Argonne Forest, Anzio, Rome, the beaches of Normandy, the jungles of Guam, Okinawa, Tarawa, Korea, Vietnam, and in the heat of the Persian Gulf, Bosnia, Afghanistan, Iraq, and scores of other places long forgotten by all, but those who were there with me. I WAS THERE!

I led my Sailors and Marines... I followed them and watched over them. They LOVE me! I was on a small hill in Iwo Jima. I was dirty, battle-torn and tired, but my Sailors and Marines cheered me, and I WAS PROUD!

I have been soiled, burned, torn and trampled on the streets of countries that I have helped set free. It does not hurt... for I am invincible.

I have been soiled, burned, torn and trampled on the streets of my own country, and when it is by those whom I have served with in battle... it hurts.

But I shall overcome, for I am strong! I have slipped the bonds of earth, and from my vantage point on the moon, I stand watch over the uncharted new frontiers of space. I

The Watch

For twenty years this Sailor has stood the watch.

While some of us were in our bunks at night, this Sailor stood the watch. While some of us were in school learning our trade, this shipmate stood the watch. Yes... even before some of us were born into this world, this shipmate stood the watch.

In those years when the storm clouds of war were seen brewing on the horizon of history, this shipmate stood the watch. Many times he would cast an eye ashore and see his family standing there, needing his guidance and help, needing a hand to hold during those hard times, but he still stood the watch.

He stood the watch for twenty years. He stood the watch so that we, our families, and our fellow countrymen could sleep soundly in safety, each and every night knowing that a Sailor stood the watch.

Today we are here to say “Shipmate...the watch stands relieved. Relieved by those you have trained, guided, and led.”

Chief NAME ... you stand relieved. We have the watch…”

Chief Petty Officers’ Retirement Creed

You have on this day, experienced that which comes to all of us who serve on active duty in “OUR NAVY.” I say “OUR NAVY,” because your departure from active duty in no way terminates your relationship, by law and tradition, U.S. Navy Retirees are always on the rolls ever ready to lend their service when the need arises. The respect that you earned as “The Chief” was based on the same attributes that you will now carry into retirement. You should have no regrets. Do not view your retirement as an end of an era but rather as orders to a new and challenging assignment, a form of independent duty. Remember well that you have been, and will always be, an accepted member of the most exclusive of all fraternities- that of the U.S. Navy Chief Petty Officers. The active duty Chiefs salute you, your retired Chiefs welcome you. I wish

Guest Speaker Title In 10pt font

Name In 14pt font (bold & ital.)

Rank, United States Navy

Speaker’s Bio goes here.

Retiree’s Rate In 10pt font

Name In 14pt font (bold & ital.)

Rank in 10pt font

Retiree’s Bio goes here.